Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) Medernisation

The modernisation is being implemented through 4 main global packages and 15 indigenous packages. Orders for all the global packages are likely to be completed by July, 1994. Preparatory works of the project are underway. The project is scheduled to be completed by June, 1997.

(b) Yes, Sir, Domestic private & public sector companies and Multi National Companies are involved in the implementation of the modernisation projects for each of the plants mentioned in part (a) above.

(c) The total requirement of funds for modernisation projects is assessed at Rs. 9763.08 crores of which Rs. 4561.98 crores has been spent by SAIL upto March, 1994.

(d) and (e) The details of the outlay during the 7th Five Year Plan (1985-90) for these modernisation projects were:

DSP Modernisation	Rs. 460 crores
RSP Modernisation	Rs. 560 crores
BSL Modernisation	NIL

Shortage of Pig Iron in Saurashtra region of Gujarat

*95. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is shortage of pig iron in Saurashtra region of the Gujarat State ;

(b) the annual requirements of pig iron by foundries in the region ;

(c) the allocation of pig iron made by Government during the last three years ; and

(d) the measures taken or proposed to be taken for allocation of additional pig iron to the region to meet the requirement of steel industries in the region ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) No report has been received regarding shortage of pig iron in Saurashtra region of Gujarat State.

(b) and (c) For meeting the requirements of pig iron for small scale industries (including foundries) in the various States, allocations are made by the Development Commissioner for Iron & Steel (DCI&S) to the Small Industries Corporation of the State concerned, keeping in view its demand, past offtake and availability of pig iron from the main producers. The alloca tions made by the DCI&S to Gujarat Small Industries Corporation (GSIC) for distribution to Small Scale Units of Gujarat and actual offtake during the last 3 years was as under :—

In lakh tonnes

	Allocation	Offtake
1991-92 . . .	1.29	1.26
1992-93 . . .	1.53	1.33
1993-94 . . .	1.29	0.90

Allocation to GSIC for 1994-95 is 1.30 lakh tonnes. Apart from supplies made through the Small Industries Corporation, the consumer industries also take pig iron directly from main producers. Besides the main producers, pig iron is also supplied directly by the secondary producers.

(d) At present there is no shortage of pig iron in the country. As on 1-7-1994, the main producers were having an inventory of about 2.2 lakh tonnes of pig iron. In order to augment the supply of pig iron in the country, Government is facilitating the creation of additional capacities in the private sector. Pro duction of pig iron has increased from 18.4 lakh tonnes in 1992-93 to 22.5 lakh tonnes in 1993-94. Import of pig iron is freely allowed and import duty has been reduced to 20% ; however, only 21 thousand tonnes of pig iron were imported during 1993-94 as domestic availability was adequate.